PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 354 is advanced. I would now like to make another introduction. Seated under the south balcony is a special guest of Senator Hall. He is Al Rodriguez from Omaha, a member of the Mexican-American Commission. Mr. Rodriguez, please rise and be recognized. Welcome. We will now proceed with Select File, LB 209.

CLERK: Senator Will, I have E & R amendments, first of all, Senator.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 209.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Proceed to vote on the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Withem would move to amend the bill, Madam President. (See AMO260 on page 710 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Which amendment?

CLERK: I have AM0260 in front of me, Senator.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, AMO260, first of all, this is the bill higher education compact. The first dealing with the amendment...both of these are quite simple amendments and technical in nature. This bill was drafted, and on General File never gave proper credit. Senator Lorraine Langford was the individual who had originally worked on this concept and brought the idea up to Nebraska to be part of it. She'd had an original draft of the bill made back prior to the election, and after the election, we changed the coordinating commission. The reference in the bill now is to the old coordinating commission. this bill does is it changes reference to a more generic term of coordinating commission, so that it will fly both to the existing commission, and when that one ceases to exist and the new one goes into effect, that it will apply to the new one as well. I urge your adoption of AMO260.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Seeing none wishing